

## BRIDGE ACROSS RAINY RIVER, MINN.

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Mr. NEWTON of Minnesota, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11702]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 11702, a bill granting the consent of Congress to the village of Spooner, Minn., to construct a bridge across the Rainy River, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War, State, and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 26, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11702, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the village of Spooner, Minn., to construct a bridge across the Rainy River.

On account of the international character of the Rainy River at the site of the proposed bridge, being the boundary between the United States and Canada, the consent of Congress is necessary for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, February 9, 1925.*

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,  
*House of Representatives.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of January 26, 1925, in which you request an expression of my views regarding the bill H. R. 11702, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, giving the consent of the Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rainy River between the village of Spooner, in the State of Minnesota, and Rainy River, Ontario.

Inasmuch as it appears that the consent of the Congress is, by the terms of the bill, to be subject to the consent and approval of the Dominion of Canada, I do not perceive that there would be any objection to the proposed legislation in so far as our international relations are concerned.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, January 23, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,  
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11702 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the village of Spooner, Lake of the Woods County, Minn., its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches across the Rainy River between said village and Rainy River, Ontario. The system of Federal aid highways approved for the State of Minnesota extends along the Minnesota side of Rainy River in the vicinity of Spooner, but no crossing of the river is indicated to be included in said system. Furthermore, the proposed bridge would be an international bridge. There seems to be no objection to favorable action on the bill from the standpoint of this department.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*